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Dear Lara:

An important part of Reid Park Zoological Society's commitment to its partnership with the City of Tucson is to raise funds to support projects for Reid Park Zoo. As a part of our management agreement, we solicit funds from individuals, foundations, corporations and other types of donors. One condition is to have the approval of Mayor and Council for the naming of any Zoo exhibit, facility or building.

As we prepare for two significant new projects for Reid Park Zoo, we are pleased to announce that donations have been received with a plan for recognition in these exhibit areas.

Angel Charity for Children World of Play

Angel Charity for Children is an established nonprofit organization with a 40-year history of fulfilling their mission of improving life for children in our community. Reid Park Zoological Society applied for a grant and was honored to have been selected as a major grantee by Angel Charity's membership. Angel Charity for Children has agreed to make a gift of \$265,000 with the provision that they would be recognized as the lead sponsor for World of Play, and that the play area would be designated "Angel Charity World of Play" on signage, on the Zoo's website or other areas the feature is mentioned. Their agreement also stipulates that the project will continue to be a play area for a period of no less than ten years. If there is a change in less than ten years, RPZS will be liable and has committed to return a pro-rated portion of the funding.

Pathway to Asia - Kasser Family Lotus Pavilion

The Kasser Family has a long history of supporting arts and culture institutions and projects in southern Arizona. Reid Park Zoological Society is honored that this longtime family foundation, through the generosity of I. Michael and Beth Kasser, has made a commitment to be the lead sponsor of the event pavilion in Pathway to Asia. This gift would be recognized by naming the event pavilion in their honor. The title would be The Kasser Family Lotus Pavilion and this name would be shown on the front of the building as well as on all materials, maps and online references where the building is mentioned. The family will also be donating several art pieces to be on display inside the pavilion.

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Pathway to Asia - Robert H. Hamilton Tropical Discovery Center

Robert H. Hamilton, who passed away in 2019, was a long-time supporter of Reid Park Zoo. His particular passion was for reptiles and for more than 20 years had discussed the desire for a reptile house at Reid Park Zoo. Before his passing, he and his wife accompanied staff on visits to reptile houses at other zoos to ensure that every design detail was considered for the Tropical Discovery Center. There have been anonymous gifts received to name the Tropical Discovery Center in his honor. The name of the building, the Robert H. Hamilton Tropical Discovery Center, would be recognized on the doors of the building as well as on the website or other areas the building is mentioned for the life of the building.

Pathway to Asia - Mooney Foundation Red Panda Habitat

The Margaret E. Mooney Foundation was established with the Foundations managed by the Lohse Family. Margaret Mooney was raised in Texas and came from a ranching family, living most of her adult life in Tucson. The Foundation focuses on arts and child welfare.

Pathway to Asia - Click Family Komodo Dragon Habitat

The Click Family has a long history of supporting the Tucson community and many nonprofits. This included their support as a primary donor for the elephant habitat completed in 2012 which helped to establish Reid Park Zoo as a leader in elephant care. The Click Family Foundation is providing support for the Komodo dragon indoor habitat and was matched by Jim & Vicki Click for the outdoor habitat.

Pathway to Asia - John M. Simpson Otter Habitat

The John M. Simpson Foundation has been a long-term supporter of Reid Park Zoo and has sponsored many projects over the last 20 years. The purpose of the Foundation is to support religious, charitable, scientific or educational purposes, and the prevention of cruelty to children and animals. John M. Simpson's daughter, Susan Simpson, has a long connection with the Zoo as a volunteer and supporter and is an enthusiastic supporter of the Asian small clawed otter habitat.

These gifts are one portion of the many generous gifts of all sizes that are being received as Reid Park Zoological Society leverages the important public funding provided by voters with support from both within and outside the community. We are humbled by the generosity of all gifts, and the special place that Reid Park Zoo holds for these donors.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Nancy J. Kluge
President and CEO
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